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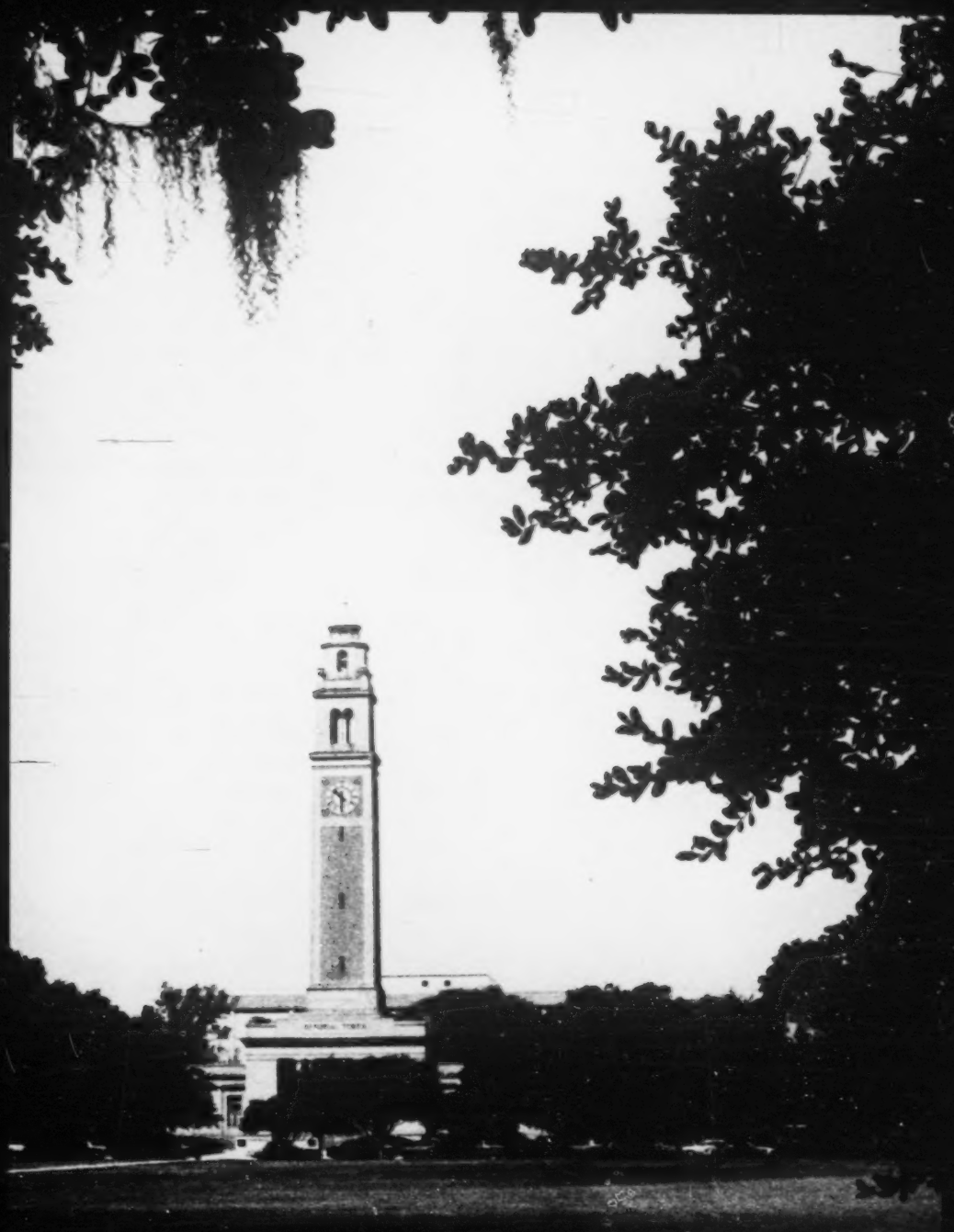

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Economic Review And Outlook

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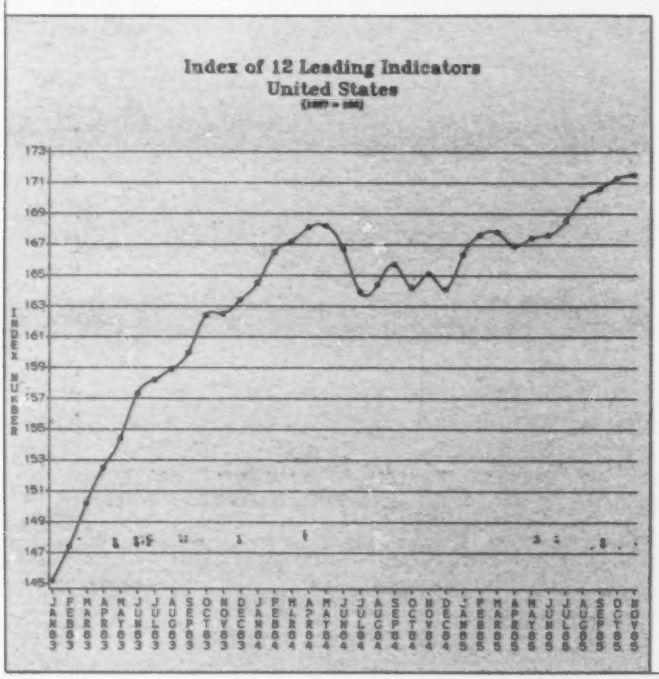
United States

The U.S. economy continued to grow moderately during the final months of 1985. Flash estimates indicate that the real Gross National Product (GNP) increased at an annual rate of 3.2 percent in the fourth quarter following a similar growth in the prior three months. The outlook suggests that the U.S. economy should grow in the 2.5 to 3 percent range in 1986.

The Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production increased 0.4 percent in November following an equal decline in October. That left industrial production virtually unchanged since August and only 1 percent higher than a year ago. The gain in industrial output is likely to be inhibited during the first quarter of 1986 due to foreign imports but it should gain momentum during the second half of the year.

Seasonally adjusted retail sales increased 1.1 percent in November, following a revised 4.2 percent drop in October. The sharp decline in October reflected the drop in car sales following the end of subsidized financing by the automakers. Retail sales are expected to grow moderately in 1986, though at a slower pace than in the past year. Total housing starts dropped 12.2 percent in November, to the lowest level in two and a half years. Some of the decline was due to the severe weather in November, but sluggish demand was also responsible. Declining interest rates and a growing economy should sustain construction activities during 1986.



For almost 50 years, the Louisiana Business Review has provided timely and useful information about business and economic conditions in the state. During this time, it has experienced several changes in format. In 1981, the LBR was divided into two publications: a monthly called Louisiana Economic Indicators (LEI), which contained data and economic analyses, and a quarterly which retained the name Louisiana Business Review. Although the quarterly LBR received a favorable response from its readers, it did not prove cost effective and publication of it ceased in Fall 1984. The LEI continued as a monthly through 1985. However, in light of the LBR's long tradition of service to the state, we decided to rename the LEI the Louisiana Business Review. This is the first issue with the new name and improved format. We think you will find it in keeping with the LBR's history of providing the most thorough information about Louisiana's economy. We welcome any comments and suggestions you have about our new format.

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The U.S. civilian unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 7 percent in November compared with 7.1 percent in October. Total civilian employment increased 0.1 percent in November. Employment gains were mainly in the service and manufacturing sectors. Although employment should continue to grow in 1986, the gain may be less than the growth in labor force. As a result the unemployment rate will increase slightly.

The U.S. Leading Economic Indicator increased only 0.1 percent in November, following a revised 0.4 percent gain in October. The slight increase in the leading indicator suggests that the national economy will be sluggish during the next six to nine months.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 0.6 percent in November due to rising food and energy costs. Nevertheless, inflation was a moderate 3.6 percent for the first 11 months of the year. Price increases are expected to be contained in the 3.5 to 4 percent range during the next 12 months. Interest rates are projected to decline moderately until the middle of 1986, which should stimulate the interest-sensitive sectors of the economy,such as construction and sales of big ticket items bought on credit.

United States and Louisiana

United States

	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85	Oct 85	Nov 85	Forecasts Dec 85	Forecasts Jan 86
• Employment & Unemployment •							
Employment Statistics (Mil)							
Civilian Labor Force	115.3	115.3	115.8	116.2	116.1	*116.2*	*116.3*
Employed	106.9	107.2	107.5	107.9	107.9	*108.2*	*108.5*
Unemployed	8.5	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.1	*8.2*	*8.3*
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.0	*7.1*	*7.1*
• Price Indexes •							
Producer Price Indexes							
Finished Goods	294.8	293.5	290.2	294.8	296.7	*297.9*	*298.9*
Finished Consumer Goods	293.2	291.5	288.5	292.4	294.7	*295.8*	*296.7*
Consumer Price Indexes							
All Items	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5	326.6	*329.1*	*331.8*
Food & Beverages	301.6	301.8	302.1	302.5	303.6	*305.2*	*306.8*
Housing	351.6	352.9	353.8	354.4	355.0	*357.4*	*359.8*
Transportation	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9	323.2	*325.5*	*327.7*
Medical Care	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0	*416.5*	*420.3*
• Production Indexes •							
Industrial Production Indexes							
Total Index	124.1	125.2	125.0	124.6	125.1	*125.2*	*125.2*
Durable Consumer Goods	111.3	114.0	112.9	111.6	113.1	*112.4*	*111.8*
Nondurable Consumer Goods	123.4	124.2	124.9	124.6	124.8	*124.8*	*124.9*
Business Equipment	141.3	143.0	142.1	141.1	141.9	*141.1*	*141.5*
Defense & Space Equipment	173.9	175.5	177.5	178.7	181.5	*181.8*	*181.8*
Construction Supplies	119.4	121.5	121.5	121.1	120.8	*119.8*	*119.2*
Business Supplies	140.3	140.9	141.9	142.3	na	*146.2*	*147.8*
Durable Goods Materials	120.2	121.8	120.2	120.0	120.8	*123.4*	*125.9*
Nondurable Goods Materials	112.8	113.5	114.5	114.0	114.2	*115.6*	*116.8*
Energy Materials	103.5	102.7	102.8	102.1	102.5	*103.6*	*104.5*
• Finance & Business Activity •							
Finance ($ Bil)							
Credit Union Deposits	64.3	65.4	56.9	na	na	*63.2*	*64.8*
Saving & Loans Deposits	628.1	740.9	736.7	na	na	*754.9*	*759.9*
Commercial Bank Deposits	1,517.5	1,529.5	1,524.0	na	na	*1,585.3*	*1,616.6*
Business Activity							
Total Retail Trade Sales	115,490	121,122	114,171	115,818	na	*133,613*	*142,603*
Index of 12 Leading indicators	168.5	170.0	170.6	171.3	171.5	*172.4*	*173.7*

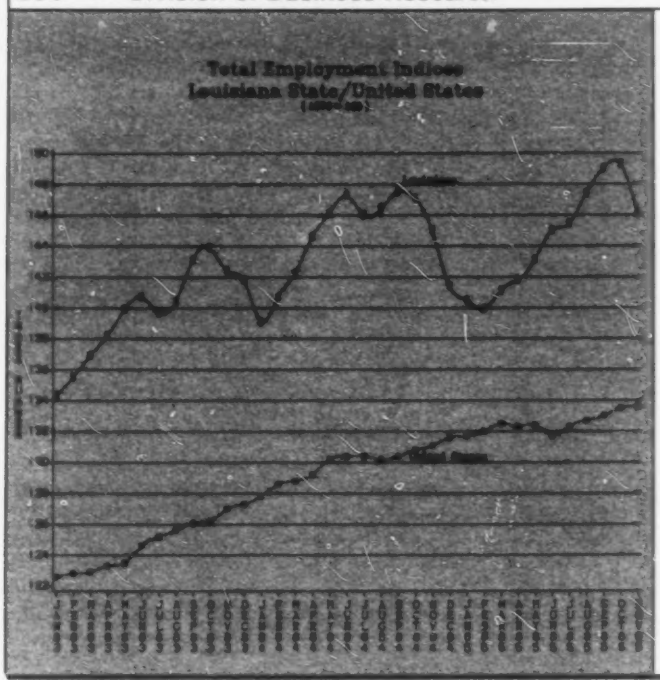
Louisiana

	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85	Oct 85	Nov 85	Forecasts Dec 85	Forecasts Jan 86
• Oil & Gas Activity •							
Fuel Consumption (Gals)							
Gasoline	177,504,017	139,193,383	191,387,396	na	na	*177,467,186*	*177,514,585*
Highway Diesel	28,853,666	22,776,213	31,573,689	na	na	*38,745,046*	*39,256,835*
Total Fuel Consumption	222,270,085	176,709,062	246,444,648	na	na	*294,626,319*	*296,633,819*
Crude Oil Refined (Bbl Daily Avg)							
Total	1,813,066	1,592,146	1,694,542	1,792,482	na	*1,696,649*	*1,696,505*
Crude Oil Unloaded (Bbl)							
LOOP Total	15,431,054	12,529,964	12,758,296	13,440,298	na	*13,901,443*	*14,089,461*
Drilling Rigs							
Permits Issued	619	540	490	498	298	*354*	*404*
Wildcats Issued	68	76	56	55	34	*45*	*50*
Offshore Rigs	14	16	17	22	16	*15*	*15*
Active Rigs	250	232	219	199	208	*212*	*215*
Gas Activity Report (mcf)							
Field Intake	49,440,571	50,547,843	49,629,457	na	na	*49,815,125*	*47,934,316*
Pipeline & Other Intake	38,917,240	35,346,477	47,247,469	na	na	*50,016,890*	*50,274,655*
Sales to Pipelines	70,250,597	69,430,813	78,496,509	na	na	*80,315,557*	*80,068,136*

Louisiana

Louisiana

	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85	Oct 85	Nov 85	Forecasts Dec 85	Forecasts Jan 86
• Employment & Unemployment •							
Employment Statistics							
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	1987.8	2006.2	2019.0	2025.8	1983.2		
Total Employed (000)	1755.9	1780.3	1800.4	1804.4	1765.1		
Non-Agricultural Employment (000)							
Non-Agricultural	1580.1	1578.5	1593.6	1598.7	1596.7		
Wholesale and Retail Trade	381.7	381.8	381.4	384.3	388.0		
Government	315.8	314.5	325.9	329.2	327.6		
Services	314.2	314.4	319.1	319.2	318.6		
Manufacturing	177.9	176.8	175.6	174.6	173.2		
Transportation & Public Utilities	115.2	118.7	114.3	114.8	114.8		
Construction	111.6	113.1	114.0	114.7	112.8		
Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate	84.4	84.5	84.3	84.2	84.5		
Mining	79.3	79.1	79.0	77.7	77.2		
Wage Statistics							
Average Weekly Mfg Hours	41.0	39.9	41.6	41.6	42.0		
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	424.76	415.15	434.30	436.80	477.96		
Unemployment Statistics							
Total Unemployed (000)	231.9	225.9	218.6	221.4	218.1		
Unemployment Rate	11.7	11.3	10.8	10.9	11.0		
Unemployment Benefits (000 Weeks)	286	251	242	263	239		
Unemployment Benefits ($ Mil)	41.6	36.1	35.5	38.6	34.7		
New Claims (000)	31.7	33.6	27.7	31.8	39.3		
Exhaustions (000)	7.6	7.0	6.6	6.8	6.0		
• General Business Activity •							
Revenue Collections							
Alcoholic Beverages	4,681,797	4,774,167	4,374,700	4,789,010	2,037,634		
Corporation Franchise Tax	4,600,371	4,840,717	11,182,147	8,204,384	15,623,227		
Corporation Income Tax	10,380,163	10,600,176	41,202,333	12,403,607	14,529,780		
Individual Income Tax	41,276,215	55,721,986	42,653,241	62,204,218	37,454,518		
General Severance Tax	65,969,127	54,881,694	68,282,562	57,299,614	50,445,584		
Gasoline Tax	23,617,328	26,558,152	21,169,493	25,777,546	16,057,834		
Special Fuels	5,273,729	4,657,518	3,688,843	5,146,974	2,549,793		
General Sales Tax	92,870,382	84,918,234	83,858,300	85,771,390	81,232,373		
Tobacco	7,480,904	6,729,061	7,122,631	7,715,681	6,314,730		
Motor Vehicle Tax	14,265,010	12,107,519	14,583,504	12,992,807	9,508,289		
Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses	35,295,396	37,743,437	39,685,055	32,087,183	31,873,251		
Other Taxes	14,958,884	10,554,158	8,803,426	7,399,860	14,231,154		
Total Sales Tax	320,669,306	314,176,819	346,606,235	321,792,274	281,858,167		
Corporation Filings							
Domestic Charters	1,208	695	808	989	678		
Dissolutions	186	152	214	181	119		
Retail Trade							
Total Retail Sales	1,774	1,842	1,691	na	na		
Total Department Sales	171	189	160	na	na		
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)							
Residential	172	110	133	103	na		
Non-Residential	117	129	161	114	na		
Non-Building	39	128	70	98	na		
Number of Building Permits							
Residential Building	1,639	1,740	1,221	1,082	877		
Commercial & Industrial	1,375	1,119	1,163	1,249	741		
Value of Building Permits							
Residential Building	68,379,403	70,978,310	53,879,296	51,823,062	42,260,786		
Commercial & Industrial	111,823,819	119,290,176	105,460,082	115,028,343	39,642,415		
New Car/Truck Sales							
Total New Cars	12,532	12,207	17,240	12,866	9,785		
Total New Trucks	7,247	6,250	7,127	6,422	5,326		



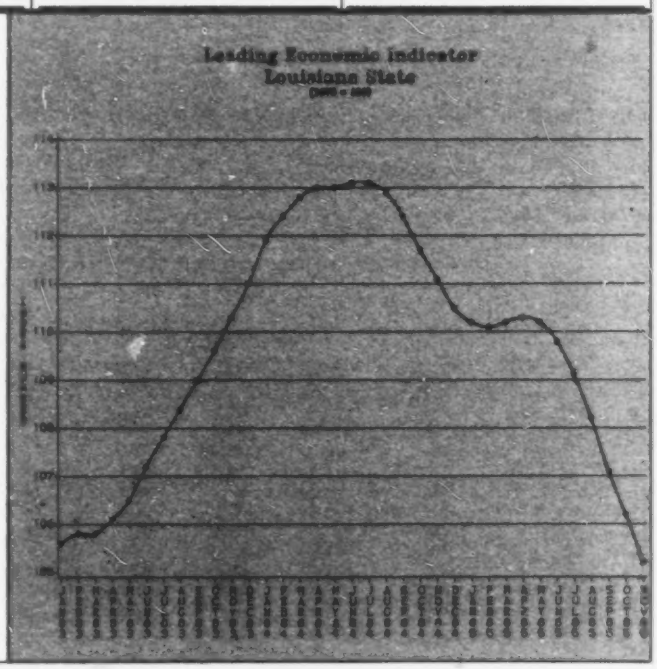
Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment dropped by 2,000 in November, and it was 14,200 below the level of November 1984. Most of the decline in employment was in the construction, manufacturing, services, and government sectors. The employment in manufacturing declined due to cutbacks in primary metals production, machineries, and communication and transportation equipment industries. Business services and miscellaneous services also experienced declining employment. Government employment declined due to layoffs by the local government. Employment increased in the retail trade sector primarily because of season gains in general merchandise business.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator (LEI) declined 0.98 percent in November, primarily due to a drop in the index for mining. The uncertain outlook for the oil and gas industry is expected to stymie the economic activities in the state during the next six to nine months. The construction index also declined significantly. On the other hand, the index for manufacturing increased in November, continuing

	Unemployment Rate						Leading Indicators					
	Louisiana			United States			Louisiana 1976 = 100			United States 1967 = 100		
Month	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Jan	11.8	**10.9**	11.4	10.4	**8.0**	7.4	105.6	**111.9**	110.2	145.2	**164.5**	166.3
Feb	12.7	**11.0**	11.9	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	105.8	**112.4**	110.1	147.4	**166.5**	167.6
Mar	12.7	**10.4**	11.9	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	105.8	**112.8**	110.2	150.2	**167.2**	167.8
Apr	12.4	**10.0**	11.4	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	106.2	**112.9**	110.3	152.5	**168.1**	166.9
May	12.3	**9.9**	11.2	10.1	**7.5**	7.3	106.5	**113.0**	110.2	154.4	**168.2**	167.4
Jun	12.5	**10.0**	11.6	10.0	**7.1**	7.3	107.2	**113.0**	109.8	157.3	**166.7**	167.6
Jul	12.1	**9.9**	11.7	9.5	**7.5**	7.3	107.8	**113.1**	109.1	158.2	**163.9**	168.5
Aug	11.7	**9.6**	11.3	9.5	**7.5**	7.0	108.4	**112.9**	108.2	158.9	**164.4**	170.0
Sep	11.1	**9.3**	10.8	9.1	**7.4**	7.1	109.0	**112.4**	107.1	160.0	**165.7**	170.6
Oct	10.5	**9.6**	10.9	8.8	**7.3**	7.1	109.6	**111.7**	106.1	162.4	**164.2**	171.3
Nov	10.7	**10.2**	11.0	8.4	**7.1**	7.0	110.3	**111.1**	105.2	162.5	**165.1**	171.5
Dec	10.3	**9.8**		8.2	**7.2**		111.1	**110.5**		163.4	**164.1**	

Louisiana

The Louisiana economy declined in November. The seasonally adjusted total employment dropped 0.8 percent since October but it was 0.7 percent above the November 1984 level. The unemployment rate, which is also seasonally adjusted, was 11.5 percent, unchanged since October. Louisiana continued to have the second highest unemployment rate (10.9 percent unadjusted), among all the states of the nation in October. Only West Virginia with a 12.5 percent unemployment rate was ranked higher. Among the neighboring states, Texas with a 7.6 percent unemployment rate, Arkansas with an 8.7 percent unemployment rate, and Mississippi with a 9.4 percent unemployment rate were ranked 13, 9, and 4 respectively. Alabama and Tennessee ranked 12 and 19 in order of unemployment. This means that the relative unemployment situation in Tennessee had improved in October while the situation in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Texas was either unchanged or had worsened.



Louisiana's Metropolitan Areas

	New Orleans				Baton Rouge			
			Forecasts				Forecasts	
	Oct 85	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86	Oct 85	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86
• Employment & Unemployment •								
Employment & Wage Statistics								
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	583.8	574.1	*579.5*	*584.2*	266.5	264.2	*263.6*	*263.4*
Total Employed (000)	520	513	*515*	*518*	240	238	*239*	*237*
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	440.50	438.84	*440.77*	*442.77*	534.80	532.64	*541.68*	*543.71*
Average Weekly Mfg Hours	41.4	41.4	*40.8*	*40.4*	43.8	46.6	*44.0*	*43.3*
Unemployment Statistics								
Total Unemployed (000)	64.0	61.3	*63.6*	*65.8*	26.8	26.1	*26.7*	*28.0*
Unemployment Rate	11.0	10.7	*11.1*	*11.8*	10.1	9.9	*7.7*	*8.3*
• General Business Activity •								
Revenue Collections								
Retail Sales Tax-State	20,899,788	21,144,114	*21,514,475*	*22,706,962*	9,106,645	na	*9,515,882*	*9,125,709*
Severance Tax	5,501,296	na	*5,716,576*	*5,910,992*	2,447,425	na	*3,538,899*	*3,793,509*
Minimum Royalty	2,801,851	2,846,962	*3,965,375*	*3,858,216*	319,778	356,446	*577,055*	*583,426*
Retail Trade								
Department Store Sales ($ 000)	na	na	*63,849*	*64,856*	na	na	*40,825*	*25,987*
Number of Department Stores	na	na	*na*	*na*	na	na	*na*	*na*
Airport Activity								
Passengers	570,177	533,693	*548,650*	*571,669*	30,157	29,070	*28,303*	*28,240*
Cargo (Tons)	3,916	3,501	*3,692*	*3,663*	154	152	*165*	*174*
Port Activity								
Port Total (000 Tons)	1,636	1,810	*1,637*	*1,555*	545	693	*386*	*317*
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)								
Residential	25.0	na	*42.1*	*39.6*	17.3	na	*26.3*	*27.4*
Non-Residential	36.4	na	*53.5*	*54.2*	26.8	na	*32.9*	*28.3*
Number of Building Permits								
Residential Building	400	346	*396*	*379*	132	127	*185*	*176*
Commercial & Industrial	398	190	*336*	*271*	164	127	*181*	*182*
Value of Building Permits								
Residential Building	18,749,739	14,522,905	*18,012,952*	*17,527,085*	8,011,055	7,107,566	*10,311,936*	*9,996,611*
Commercial & Industrial	44,614,171	8,595,700	*40,573,904*	*40,429,458*	25,524,761	8,409,630	*19,669,598*	*19,664,731*
New Car/Truck Sales								
Total New Cars	3,988	3,107	*4,108*	*4,128*	1,745	1,445	*1,776*	*2,015*
Total New Trucks	1,423	1,223	*1,670*	*1,688*	777	694	*1,073*	*1,081*
• Gas Activity •								
Gas Activity Report (MCF)								
Field Intake	na	na	*4,598,748*	*4,661,237*				
Pipeline & Other Intake	na	na	*14,252,914*	*14,357,085*				
Sales to Pipelines	na	na	*15,172,253*	*15,357,461*				

Leading Indicators

Month	New Orleans			Baton Rouge			Shreveport		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Jan	101.2	**105.6**	97.7	96.2	**103.1**	98.2	98.2	**109.0**	102.7
Feb	101.6	**105.9**	97.6	97.0	**103.6**	98.1	100.2	**109.5**	101.8
Mar	102.0	**105.9**	97.7	97.8	**103.8**	98.1	102.2	**109.2**	101.1
Apr	102.4	**105.5**	97.9	98.4	**103.6**	98.5	104.3	**108.3**	100.8
May	103.0	**104.8**	98.1	98.8	**102.9**	99.0	106.0	**106.8**	101.0
Jun	103.8	**103.8**	98.3	99.2	**101.9**	99.6	107.2	**105.4**	101.5
Jul	104.4	**102.6**	98.5	99.5	**100.9**	100.1	107.9	**104.3**	101.9
Aug	104.8	**101.4**	98.5	99.9	**99.9**	100.4	108.2	**103.7**	102.0
Sep	104.9	**100.1**	98.5	100.4	**99.2**	100.6	108.0	**103.5**	101.9
Oct	105.1	**99.0**	98.6	101.1	**98.7**	100.7	107.8	**103.5**	101.6
Nov	105.1	**98.3**	98.7	101.8	**98.5**	100.7	107.8	**103.5**	101.3
Dec	105.3	**97.9**		102.5	**98.4**		108.3	**103.3**	

Table 1

Data on Louisiana Metropolitan Areas

State/Metro Areas	Unemployment Rate 11/85 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate 10/85 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate 11/84 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Ranking by Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Among 51 States and 253 Metro Areas 10/85*	% Change in Number of Persons Employed 11/84-11/85
Louisiana	11.0%	11.5%	10.9%	11.5%	9.6%	10.1%	2**	0.8%
New Orleans	10.7%	11.3%	11.0%	11.5%	9.6%	10.1%	22	-0.9%
Baton Rouge	9.9%	10.3%	10.1%	10.3%	8.4%	8.8%	31	2.4%
Houma/Thibodaux	10.6%	na	10.8%	na	9.4%	na	27	-4.2%
Lafayette	8.9%	9.1%	9.2%	9.5%	8.3%	8.5%	40	-2.6%
Lake Charles	13.0%	13.5%	13.3%	14.1%	11.7%	12.2%	8	-4.2%
Alexandria	8.8%	9.2%	8.7%	9.4%	7.9%	8.5%	51	2.1%
Shreveport	10.4%	10.6%	9.5%	9.9%	7.0%	7.1%	36	-1.7%
Monroe	9.4%	9.7%	9.2%	9.6%	8.8%	9.0%	40	2.8%

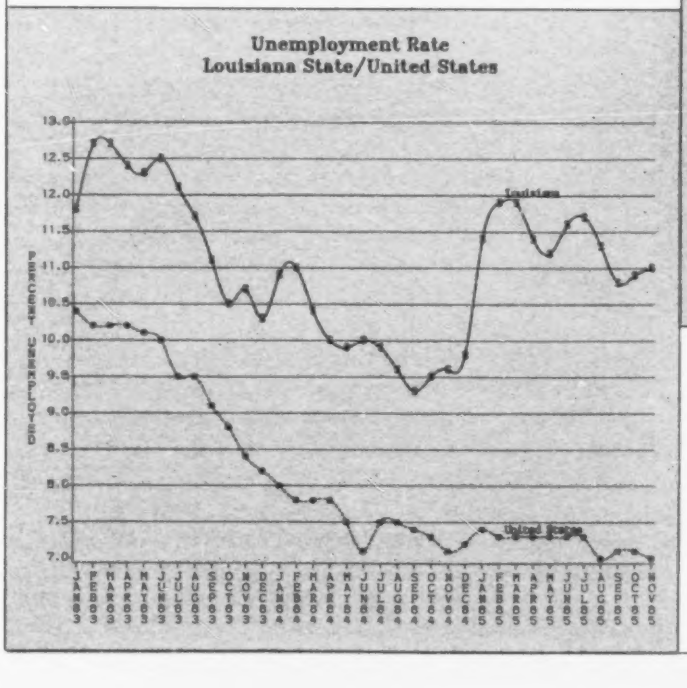
*Ranked from highest unemployment rate to lowest unemployment rate. The metropolitan area with the highest unemployment rate is ranked number 1 and the area with the lowest unemployment rate is ranked number 253

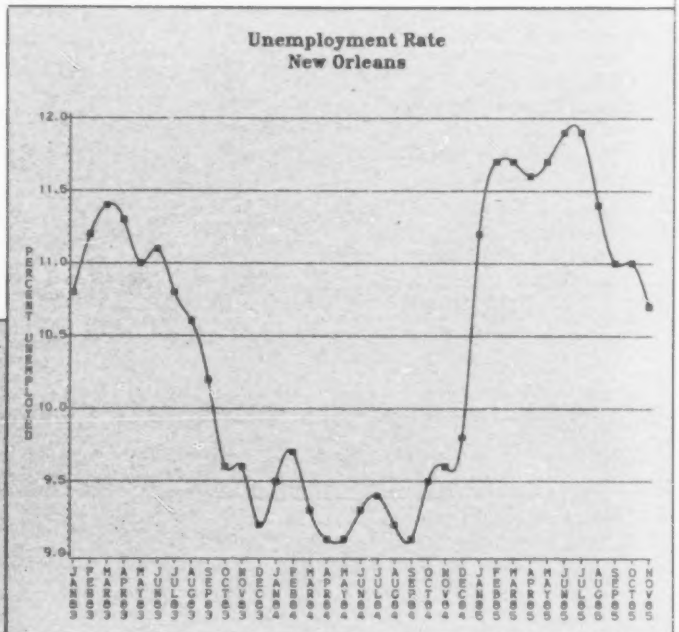
**Louisiana 's rank among the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

the trend of the past three months. The overall outlook suggests that the Louisiana economy will be restrained until the latter half of 1986.

General state sales collections reported in October were 2.2 percent higher than in September, but 0.9 percent less than in October 1984. New car and truck sales fell sharply in November, reflecting the weakness of the Louisiana economy.

The value of construction contracts dropped in October due to declines in residential and nonresidential building construction, although nonbuilding construction increased significantly. The general outlook suggests that some of the key sectors of the Louisiana economy, such as mining, manufacturing, transportation, communication, and public utilities, face uncertainties in the coming months. Other sectors such as trade services should experience moderate growth.





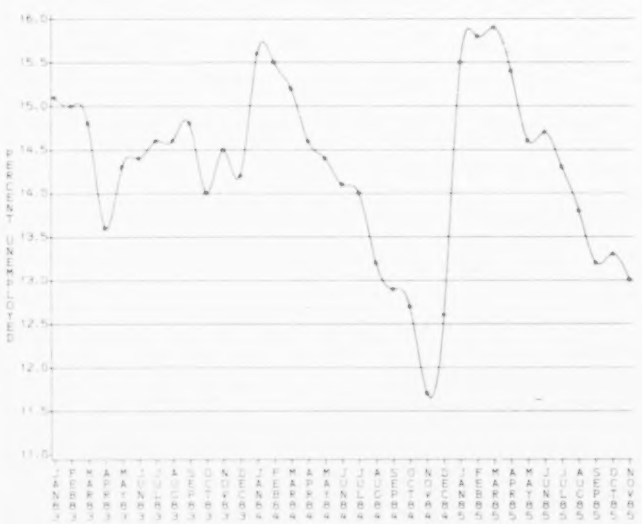
New Orleans

The New Orleans economy experienced a decline in November. The seasonally adjusted total employment dropped 0.57 percent in the current month, but it was 0.9 percent below the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 11.3 percent, compared with 11.5 percent in October. Only 21 metropolitan areas out of

Louisiana's Metropolitan Areas

	Lake Charles				Lafayette			
			Forecasts				Forecasts	
	Oct 85	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86	Oct 85	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86
• Employment & Unemployment •								
Employment & Wage Statistics								
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	75.2	73.7	74.6	74.7	112.9	110.1	112.3	114.3
Total Employed (000)	65.2	64.1	63.9	63.8	102.5	100.3	102.1	103.7
Unemployment Statistics								
Total Unemployed (000)	10.0	9.6	10.2	10.8	10.4	9.8	10.3	11.1
Unemployment Rate	13.3	13.0	13.8	14.5	9.2	8.9	9.2	9.8
• Gas Activity •								
Gas Activity Report (MCF)								
Field Intake	na	na	2,704,627	2,711,358	na	na	22,280,426	21,996,573
Pipeline & Other Intake	na	na	7,090,970	7,480,298	na	na	15,344,091	15,144,605
Sales to Pipelines	na	na	5,121,252	5,193,202	na	na	32,468,481	32,078,329
• General Business Activity •								
Revenue Collections								
Retail Sales Tax-State	2,506,487	2,475,536	2,640,448	2,665,662	4,855,832	na	3,862,778	4,291,343
Severance Tax	1,765,668	na	1,638,935	1,739,843	795,717	na	728,314	713,919
Minumum Royalty	26,087	20,477	21,180	21,628	-10,252	5,907	-7,298	7,324
Airport Activity								
Passengers	2,900	2,800	2,882	2,886	22,167	20,203	20,415	21,713
Cargo	7,850	9,855	8,976	11,314	33,386	41,283	36,361	31,477
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)								
Residential	2.0	na	2.2	2.3	4.4	na	5.8	5.3
Non-Residential	0.4	na	1.2	1.8	5.7	na	4.3	4.9
Number of Building Permits								
Residential Building	22	18	22	21	131	108	68	61
Commercial & Industrial	60	65	57	55	243	181	186	188
Value of Building Permits								
Residential Building	1,483,029	1,050,569	1,185,625	1,150,700	6,928,384	5,469,925	3,201,438	4,582,324
Commercial & Industrial	3,272,395	2,390,147	2,731,681	1,302,293	10,884,742	8,039,890	6,590,140	6,617,337
New Car/Trucks Sales								
Total New Cars	523	459	542	548	746	506	748	750
Total New Trucks	379	292	407	413	390	374	434	442
Port Activity (000 Tons)								
Port Total	1790.1	2589.9	2757.0	2900.8				

Unemployment Rate
Lake Charles



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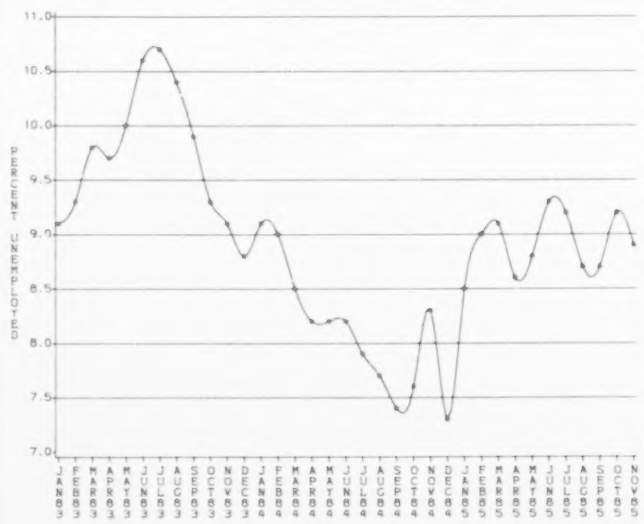
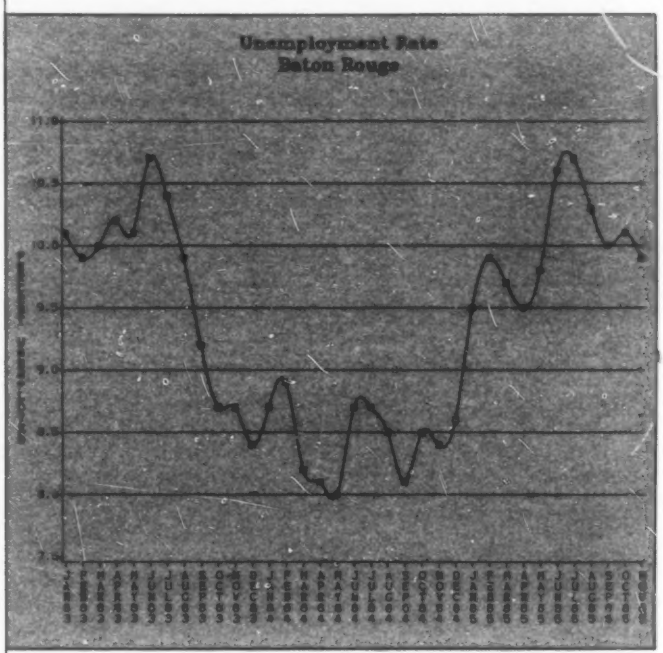


a total of 253 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than New Orleans in October (Table 1, Column 8). This represents a slight improvement in the relative unemployment rate since September. Total nonagricultural employment declined by 900 workers in November and was 13,900 below the level of a year ago. All the sectors of the economy except services and finance, insurance, and real estate had declining employment in November.

The New Orleans Leading Indicator increased slightly in November, continuing the trend of the past few months. This suggests that the metropolitan economy should regain some momentum during the next few months.

Retail sales taxes reported in October declined 3.0 percent since the prior month and were 7.4 percent below the level of October 1984. The value of construction contracts, which is another indicator of the metropolitan economy, declined in October, but airport activities and the cargo handled at the port increased moderately. This indicates certain sectors of the economy are improving, although the recent decline in employment suggests that the metropolitan economy is still weak.



Baton Rouge

The Baton Rouge economy improved slightly in November. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 0.06 percent since the previous month and was 2.3 percent above the level of November 1984. The unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, was 10.3 percent, which was unchanged since October. Only 30 metropolitan areas out of 253 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Baton Rouge in October (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment increased by 600 workers since October. The gains in employment were mainly in the transportation and public utilities, retail trade, and services sectors. Employment increased by 1,900 since October 1984.

The Baton Rouge Leading Indicator increased very slightly in November following the modest gains since March. This suggests that the metropolitan economy should grow moderately during the next several months.

Retail sales taxes reported in October dropped 3.0 percent compared to September, and they were 2.1 percent lower than in October 1984. Other indicators of the metropolitan economy, such as the value of construction contracts, the cargo handled at the port, and airport activities, increased in October. This indicates that some of the key sectors of the metropolitan economy are showing signs of recovery. The recent employment gains and the trend in the leading indicator also suggests that the local economy should continue to improve moderately in the coming months.

Lake Charles

The Lake Charles economy declined in November. The seasonally adjusted total employment dropped 0.98 percent since October and it was 4.3 percent below the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 13.5 percent, compared with 14.1 percent in October. Lake Charles had the eighth highest unemployment rate among the 253 metropolitan areas of the United States (Table 1, Column 8).

Total nonagricultural employment declined by 100 workers since October. The decline in employment was primarily in the manufacturing and wholesale trade sector. Employment dropped by 3,400 during the past twelve months.

Retail sales taxes reported in October dropped 7.3 percent, and they were 0.3 percent below the taxes of October 1984. The value of construction contracts dropped sharply in October. Other indicators of the local economy such as port activities and the number of airline passengers increased. The outlook suggests that the economy of Lake Charles will be stagnant during the next several months, although certain sectors such as trade and services may improve moderately.

Lafayette

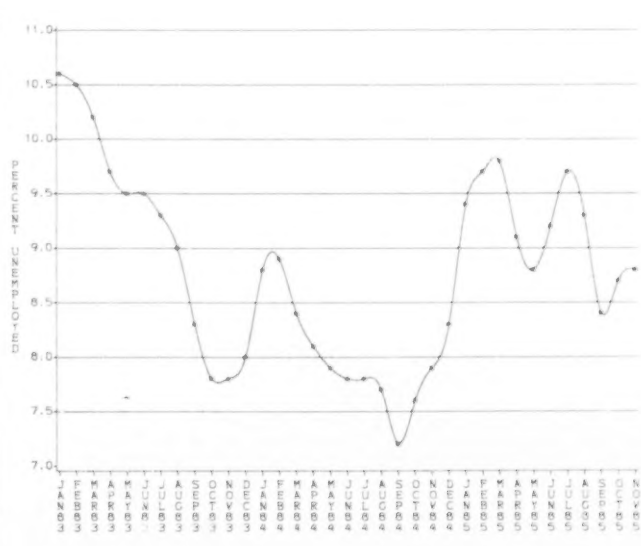
The Lafayette economy faltered in November, continuing the decline set in September. The seasonally adjusted total employment decreased 0.95 percent in the current month, and was 2.7 percent below the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.1 percent, compared with 9.5 percent in October. Only 39 metropolitan areas out of 253 in the United States had a higher

Louisiana's Metropolitan Areas

	Houma				Alexandria			
			Forecasts				Forecasts	
	Oct 85	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86	Oct 85	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86
• Employment & Unemployment •								
Employment & Wage Statistics								
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	85.7	83.5	*79.9*	*78.2*	65.6	64.2	*63.4*	*62.7*
Total Employed (000)	76.5	74.7	*71.3*	*69.8*	59.9	58.6	*57.9*	*57.3*
Unemployment Statistics								
Total Unemployed (000)	9.2	8.8	*8.1*	*8.1*	5.7	5.6	*5.5*	*5.5*
Unemployment Rate	10.8	10.6	*10.9*	*11.2*	8.7	8.8	*8.6*	*8.7*
• General Business Activity •								
Revenue Collections								
Retail Sales Tax-State	1,840,583	1,732,059	*1,751,291*	*1,752,841*	1,765,997	na	*1,784,583*	*1,912,300*
Severance Tax	7,760,269	na	*8,407,275*	*8,468,881*	213,812	na	*200,357*	*172,055*
Minimum Royalty	4,458,613	5,092,480	*5,243,875*	*5,323,402*	102	129	*157*	*171*
Airport Activity								
Passengers					6,150	5,635	*5,859*	*6,060*
Cargo					5,616	7,864	*8,065*	*8,113*
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)								
Residential	3.6	na	*na*	*na*	7.9	na	*4.4*	*4.3*
Non-Residential	2.1	na	*na*	*na*	5.8	na	*3.7*	*3.8*
Number of Building Permits								
Residential Building	33	37	*34*	*32*	21	18	*20*	*20*
Commercial & Industrial	13	9	*20*	*19*	127	17	*22*	*22*
Value of Building Permits								
Residential Building	2,111,740	1,918,650	*1,857,163*	*1,798,942*	1,049,665	1,124,235	*1,073,050*	*1,088,929*
Commercial & Industrial	269,900	222,000	*637,981*	*606,416*	12,937,920	422,772	*1,944,244*	*3,112,754*
New Car/Truck Sales								
Total New Cars	526	360	*480*	*461*	437	260	*388*	*388*
Total New Trucks	331	259	*290*	*293*	242	179	*239*	*240*
• Gas Activity •								
Gas Activity Report (MCF)								
Field Intake	na	na	*7,628,807*	*7,625,973*				
Pipeline & Other Intake	na	na	*10,882,750*	*10,951,947*				
Sales to Pipelines	na	na	*16,624,563*	*16,539,295*				

Unemployment Rate
Houma

Unemployment Rate
Alexandria



unemployment rate than Lafayette in October (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment declined by 300 workers in November. All the sectors of the economy except nondurables manufacturing, retail trade, and state government either declined or remained unchanged. Employment dropped by 4,100 compared with November 1984.

Retail sales taxes reported in October increased 19.0 percent since September, and they were 4.8 percent above the level of a year ago. The value of construction contracts, which is another indicator of the local economy, declined in October. The recent decline in employment, which is the most significant indicator of the Lafayette economy, is due to the weakness in the oil and gas industry. Since the outlook for this industry is not optimistic, the local economy is unlikely to rebound within the next few months.

Houma/Thibodaux

The Houma/Thibodaux economy declined in November. Total employment dropped 2.4 percent since October. The unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, was 10.6 percent, compared with 10.8 percent in October. Only 27 metropolitan areas out of a total of 253 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Houma/Thibodaux in October (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment increased by 100 workers in November. The employment gain was primarily in the construction sector. Employment dropped by 3,200 compared with November 1984.

Retail sales taxes reported in October were virtually unchanged since September, but they were 7.9 percent below the level of a year ago. The value of construction contracts increased significantly since the prior month but it was below the level of October 1984. The outlook suggests that the metropolitan economy should improve moderately during the next few months.

Alexandria

The metropolitan economy stalled in November. The seasonally adjusted total employment declined 0.06 percent since October but it was 2.2 percent above the level of November 1984. The unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, was 9.2 percent compared with 9.4 percent in October. Out of a total of 253 metropolitan areas in the United States, only 50 had a higher unemployment rate than Alexandria in October. (Table 1, Column 8).

Total non-agricultural employment increased by 200 workers since October. The gains in employment were primarily in the retail trade, the services, and the government sectors. Employment in November increased by 400 compared to a year ago.

Retail sales taxes reported in October declined 1.2 percent since the prior month, but increased 6.0 percent since October 1984. The value of construction contracts and airport activities, which are another indicator of the local economy, increased in October. The Alexandria economy should grow moderately during the next few months.

Shreveport

The Shreveport economy faltered in November. The seasonally adjusted total employment declined 1 89 percent since the prior month and 1.7 percent since November 1984. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.6 percent compared with 9.9 percent in October. Only 35 metropolitan areas, out of a total of 253, had a higher unemployment rate than Shreveport in October. (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 3,500 workers in November. The decline in employment was primarily in the manufacturing, construction, and services sectors.

The Shreveport Leading Indicator declined slightly in November, following declines since August. This suggests an uncertain outlook for the metropolitan economy during the next few months.

Retail sales reported in October were 19.6 percent higher than in the previous month and 44.1 percent above the level of a year ago. The value of construction contracts, which is another indicator of the Shreveport economy, declined in October. The layoffs by A T & T are continuing to have repercussions across all sectors of the metropolitan economy. However, the local economy should begin to recover next year.

Monroe

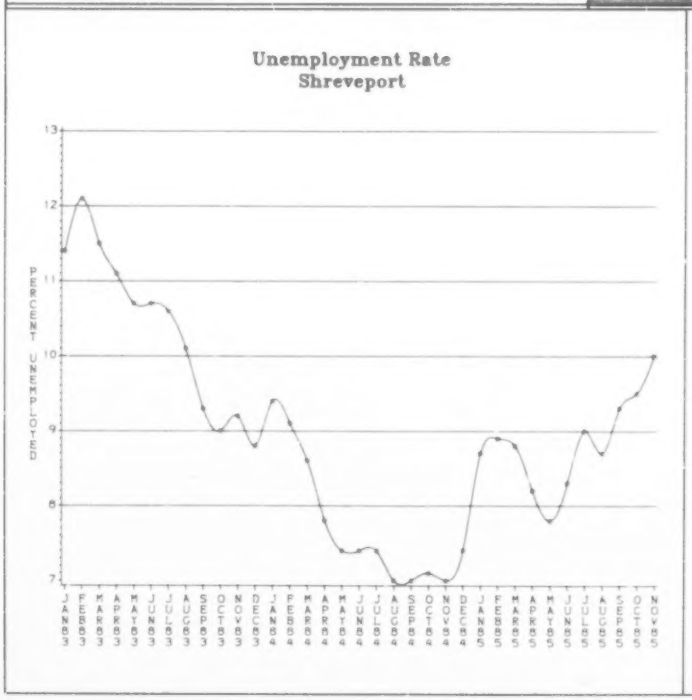
The metropolitan economy declined in October. The seasonally adjusted total employment dropped 0.55 percent since October but was 2.8 percent higher than the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.7 percent, compared with 9.6 percent in October. Out of a total of 253 metropolitan areas in the United States, only 39 had a higher unemployment rate than Monroe in October (Table 1, Column 8).

Total nonagricultural employment declined by 100 workers in November. Employment dropped in the mining, construction, wholesale services, and finance, insurance, and real estate sectors. Other sectors, such as transportation, public utilities, retail trade, and government, either had declines or experienced no change in employment.

Retail sales taxes reported in October decreased 0.4 percent compared to the previous month but increased 3.4 percent compared with October 1984. Other business indicators such as the value of construction contracts and the number of airline passengers increased in October. The outlook suggests the metropolitan economy will experience moderate growth during the next few months.

Louisiana's Metropolitan Areas

	Shreveport				Monroe			
			Forecasts				Forecasts	
	Oct 85	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86	Oct 85	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86
• Employment & Unemployment •								
Employment & Wage Statistics								
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	168.8	164.1	163.1	164.1	65.7	64.7	65.0	65.3
Total Employed (000)	152.8	147.0	145.9	146.9	59.7	58.6	58.9	58.9
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	409.50	393.47	422.57	427.60				
Average Weekly Mfg Hours	39.0	38.5	40.2	40.7				
Unemployment Statistics								
Total Unemployed (000)	16.0	17.1	17.1	17.1	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.1
Unemployment Rate	9.5	10.4	10.7	10.9	9.2	9.4	9.5	10.3
• Gas Activity •								
Gas Activity Report (MCF)								
Field Intake	na	na	11,221,701	11,073,477	na	na	765,239	766,184
Pipeline & Other Intake	na	na	1,495,738	1,299,440	na	na	16,495	16,338
Sales to Pipelines	na	na	10,635,132	10,548,551	na	na	17,669	16,250
• General Business Activity •								
Revenue Collections								
Retail Sales Tax-State	7,000,380	6,082,713	6,674,788	5,639,409	2,958,803	na	2,797,341	2,662,469
Severance Tax	2,186,406	na	2,435,028	2,094,190	188,066	na	186,034	163,870
Minimum Royalty	103,655	89,904	96,560	104,540	3,094	2,244	2,521	2,268
Airport Activity								
Passengers	27,744	na	25,391	25,679	8,593	7,975	7,976	7,491
Cargo	3,141,518	na	2,494,784	2,535,016	24,721	20,561	22,628	22,571
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)								
Residential	13.2	na	16.1	16.6	2.8	na	5.1	3.6
Non-Residential	15.4	na	13.6	13.6	6.5	na	5.8	2.9
Number of Building Permits								
Residential Building	213	58	162	159	44	98	74	64
Commercial & Industrial	189	51	89	86	36	45	34	37
Value of Building Permits								
Residential building	7,259,588	3,335,460	6,697,474	5,463,863	2,504,600	4,798,320	3,055,648	2,880,159
Commercial & Industrial	11,315,678	7,863,224	8,143,394	8,107,324	2,210,642	1,982,041	2,994,349	3,039,006
New Car/Truck Sales								
Total New Cars	1,254	723	1,162	1,162	603	425	569	574
Total New Trucks	511	394	544	547	409	268	382	387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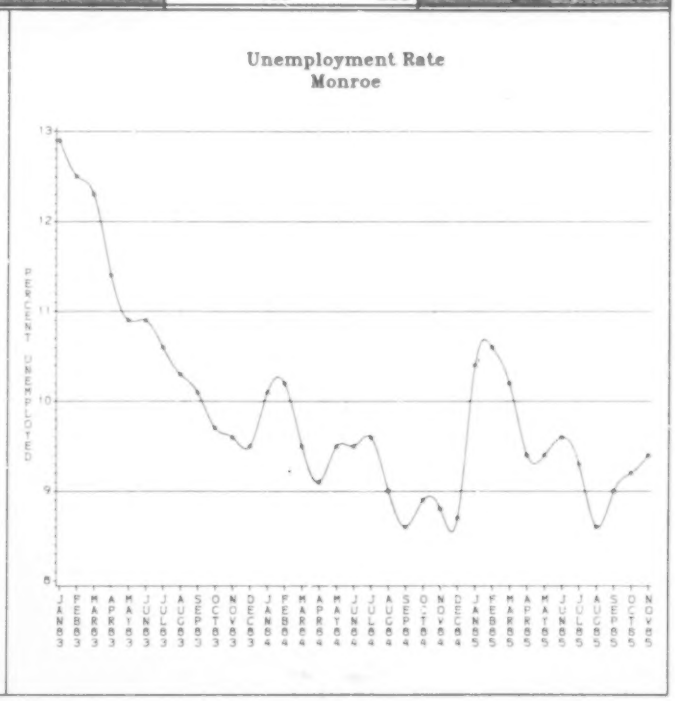
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Local Sales Tax Collections

Cities & Towns	Sep 85	Oct 85	Nov 85
Abbeville	85,537	88,210	*77,840*
Abita Springs	5,843	na	*na*
Albany	4,683	na	*na*
Alexandria	458,120	467,301	*449,830*
Amite	75,264	78,011	*59,238*
Angie	1,809	2,029	*440*
Arcadia	21,785	17,624	*16,963*
Arnaudville	14,071	16,168	*13,717*
Baker	136,970	112,701	*114,331*
Basile	7,781	9,538	*7,023*
Bastrop	167,802	140,011	*144,009*
Benton	na	na	*na*
Bernice	7,993	8,350	*7,839*
Bogalusa	263,626	279,457	*286,513*
Bonita	1,307	na	*na*
Bossier	663,083	652,787	*601,056*
Breaux Bridge	39,955	40,836	*36,844*
Broussard	42,457	49,472	*43,199*
Bunkie	50,466	47,343	*42,736*
Campti	na	na	*na*
Cankton	633	682	*635*
Carencro	36,022	26,363	*24,598*
Church Point	18,041	17,649	*19,558*
Colfax	na	na	*na*
Columbia	10,424	8,724	*na*
Cottonport	7,189	7,977	*6,778*
Cotton Valley	3,000	3,000	*2,000*
Coushatta	20,542	33,672	*19,514*
Covington	189,143	176,102	*175,323*
Crowley	167,935	168,768	*158,831*
Cullen	3,523	2,977	*3,256*
Delcambre	11,490	11,063	*9,088*
Delhi	11,894	10,870	*10,414*
Delta	174	914	*165*
Denham Springs	94,501	97,184	*93,524*
DeQuincy	42,980	35,690	*39,538*
DeRidder	90,611	95,206	*83,978*
Dixie Inn	6,705	3,410	*7,045*
Donaldsonville	56,964	62,061	*57,365*
Dubach	2,824	1,332	*1,829*
Duson	18,135	17,515	*16,128*
Elizabeth	1,318	1,579	*1,364*
Elton	3,398	3,197	*3,879*
Erath	10,131	10,379	*9,347*
Estherwood	1,023	607	*634*
Eunice	156,809	155,929	*na*
Farmerville	28,130	28,037	*22,854*
Ferriday	27,369	29,806	*na*
Florien (estimated)	1,135	1,193	*na*
Folsom	3,398	2,998	*3,038*
Franklinton	45,065	35,405	*35,367*
Gibsland	2,177	1,727	*1,931*
Gilbert	1,724	1,337	*na*
Glenmora	3,211	3,668	*3,547*
Gold Meadow	9,673	9,361	*9,979*
Gonzales	120,638	108,215	*106,163*
Grambling	5,985	na	*na*
Gramercy	15,926	15,490	*21,465*
Grand Coteau	2,083	3,378	*2,308*
Greensburg	5,105	3,432	*3,874*

Cities & Towns	Sep 85	Oct 85	Nov 85
Gueydan	11,273	8,444	*8,515*
Hall Summit	346	505	*269*
Hammond	431,659	380,561	*412,555*
Haughton	6,134	4,695	*4,186*
Haynesville	14,963	15,877	*15,203*
Henderson	6,230	na	*na*
Hodge	na	na	*na*
Homer	20,349	31,944	*39,979*
Independence	17,406	15,027	*12,543*
Iota	3,463	5,063	*3,485*
Iowa	9,903	9,140	*8,292*
Jeanerette	33,899	37,939	*31,404*
Jennings	88,561	76,912	*80,422*
Jonesboro	78,710	68,162	*58,348*
Kaplan	25,094	28,062	*22,636*
Kentwood	29,243	39,048	*30,307*
Kinder	16,991	17,710	*16,250*
Krotz Springs	38,056	6,159	*4,872*
Lake Arthur	23,581	22,524	*20,802*
Lake Charles	645,168	622,881	*602,120*
Lake Providence	13,224	20,400	*16,303*
Leesville	85,739	93,764	*85,903*
Livingston	8,354	6,125	*5,005*
Lockport	17,397	na	*na*
Logansport	6,856	10,071	*na*
Loreauville	3,996	4,428	*4,073*
Lutcher	9,464	9,935	*8,985*
Madisonville	4,421	3,921	*na*
Mamou	17,940	17,649	*2,428*
Mandeville	77,073	81,336	*89,109*
Mangham	3,669	3,122	*2,420*
Mansfield	45,440	58,377	*38,024*
Many	43,305	41,133	*39,006*
Marksville	53,039	51,435	*45,947*
Maurice	4,380	3,670	*4,300*
Melville	4,292	4,057	*6,111*
Mermentau	588	1,065	*1,113*
Mer Rouge	6,431	7,650	*4,881*
Merryville	3,813	2,669	*2,135*
Minden	203,189	208,223	*178,276*
Monroe	1,387,602	1,278,145	*1,134,561*
Mooringsport	2,294	1,771	*2,026*
Moreauville	2,210	3,226	*2,663*
Morgan City	43,647	45,094	*47,746*
Morganza	na	na	*na*
Morse	1,370	1,382	*1,351*
Napoleonville	na	na	*na*
Natchitoches	229,328	234,077	*202,258*
New Iberia	363,967	359,445	*349,213*
New Llano	5,668	4,638	*3,778*
New Orleans	7,852,671	7,578,248	*na*
New Orleans RTA	2,470,446	2,563,818	*na*
New Roads	40,726	37,475	*33,600*
Oakdale	30,364	37,053	*39,551*
Oak Grove	23,510	20,682	*20,325*
Oberlin	8,021	6,490	*4,216*
Oil City	13,789	28,401	*28,062*
Opelousas	254,990	245,869	*226,256*
Parks	4,847	4,413	*3,921*
Pearl River	5,436	5,387	*na*

Local Sales Tax Collections

Cities & Towns	Sep 85	Oct 85	Nov 85
Pine Prairie	4,571	4,021	*6,123*
Pineville	103,743	89,162	*85,987*
Plain Dealing	8,170	6,650	*9,769*
Plaucheville	816	597	*622*
Plasant Hill	1,033	2,089	*1,489*
Pollock	na	na	*na*
Ponchatoula	62,819	61,687	*61,017*
Port Allen	na	na	*na*
Port Barre	7,689	7,584	*na*
Rayne	62,016	66,420	*62,921*
Rayville	39,809	47,020	*40,432*
Richmond	1,334	1,113	*na*
Ringgold	na	na	*na*
Roseland	10,348	8,013	*4,467*
Rosepine	8,730	3,171	*2,089*
Sarepta	1,159	na	*na*
Scott	58,332	60,362	*54,338*
Shreveport	3,663,764	3,301,512	*3,062,053*
Sibley	5,289	1,079	*721*
Simmesport	7,919	7,602	*7,417*
Slidell	232,899	266,607	*237,190*
Sorrento	2,270	3,326	*na*
Springfield	3,973	3,705	*3,705*
Springhill	52,638	42,777	*40,466*
St Francisville	18,508	18,304	*14,834*
St Martinville	31,779	31,297	*30,140*
Sterlington	4,799	5,451	*4,595*
Sulphur	245,155	232,110	*253,580*
Sun	1,232	na	*na*
Sunset	8,431	8,343	*6,749*
Tallulah	26,535	na	*na*
Tangipahoa	2,448	2,238	*2,171*
Thibodaux	202,835	229,105	*204,165*
Tickfaw	1,426	2,643	*5,562*
Vidalia	39,057	39,579	*na*
Ville Platte	86,645	88,311	*76,189*
Vinton	28,296	23,826	*22,536*
Vivian	34,889	27,662	*27,360*
Walker	14,566	12,156	*na*
Washington	4,385	4,879	*3,125*
Welsh	18,447	13,606	*13,896*
West Monroe	273,229	262,241	*259,434*
Westlake	48,214	53,899	*46,216*
Winnsboro	53,011	52,220	*43,856*
Wisner	6,914	5,822	*5,271*
Youngsville	14,034	13,975	*14,338*
Zachary	136,160	116,477	*148,325*

School Boards	Sep 85	Oct 85	Nov 85
Acadia	238,650	263,852	*240,501*
Allen	82,246	121,513	*80,260*
Ascension	787,651	848,799	*873,245*
Assumption	190,007	182,432	*182,510*
Avoyelles	190,503	252,713	*194,318*
Beauregard	172,758	179,599	*160,901*
Bienville	76,940	70,007	*na*
Bogalusa	107,350	110,426	*98,201*
Bossier	777,237	927,868	*719,288*
Caddo	2,817,596	2,833,870	*2,685,121*
Calcasieu	1,212,973	1,289,637	*1,350,286*
Caldwell	62,529	54,819	*na*
Catahoula	na	na	*na*
Claiborne	71,734	81,957	*72,995*
Concordia	118,950	135,604	*na*
Desoto	175,748	722,066	*117,851*
E Baton Rouge	3,192,187	3,021,963	*na*
E Carroll	na	na	*na*
E Feliciana	168,963	196,175	*na*
Evangeline	222,163	227,519	*218,343*
Franklin	164,935	202,824	*123,762*
Grant	na	na	*na*
Iberia	665,769	680,959	*na*
Iberville	371,456	298,224	*277,692*
Jackson	193,195	na	*na*
Jefferson Davis	173,034	187,680	*161,769*
Jefferson	5,192,766	5,363,916	*5,063,676*
Lafayette	1,566,116	1,610,865	*1,563,017*
Lafourche	441,822	491,236	*416,628*
Lasalle	82,858	89,203	*80,722*
Lincoln	226,714	207,311	*214,369*
Livingston	491,651	540,006	*518,407*
Madison	86,000	80,000	*66,000*
Monroe	206,960	190,964	*176,702*
Morehouse	157,503	138,218	*111,726*
Natchitoches	193,927	231,742	*173,363*
Orleans	4,093,335	4,316,845	*na*
Ouachita	337,672	311,528	*288,305*
Plaquemine	271,831	311,972	*272,888*
Pointe Coupee	64,433	81,180	*79,026*
Red River	42,011	22,176	*49,706*
Richland	181,331	131,128	*na*
Sabine	112,802	115,799	*106,982*
St Bernard	568,422	480,313	*458,281*
St Charles	873,965	713,520	*499,287*
St Helena	36,879	34,234	*25,179*
St James	359,422	322,192	*380,180*
St John	474,926	564,881	*511,797*
St Landry	359,870	384,318	*326,569*
St Martin	335,806	385,929	*338,963*
St Mary	447,467	538,423	*429,456*
St Tammany	1,223,013	1,822,237	*1,611,609*
Tangipahoa	844,216	922,268	*863,540*
Tensas	31,082	39,879	*31,918*
Terrebonne	569,030	580,412	*578,090*
Union	96,125	89,567	*71,429*
Vermillion	363,059	299,186	*na*
Vernon	244,118	194,858	*177,513*
Washington	158,635	157,980	*171,380*
Webster	244,691	227,145	*215,770*
W Baton Rouge	148,186	143,905	*na*
W Carroll	55,759	47,256	*27,744*
W Feliciana	na	na	*na*
Winn	81,343	89,695	*79,886*

Local Sales Tax Collections

Police Juries	Sep 85	Oct 85	Nov 85
Acadia	238,292	263,375	*239,231*
Ascension	296,991	280,764	*297,678*
Assumption	95,295	91,326	*91,505*
Caldwell	62,529	54,819	*na*
Catahoula	100,226	107,883	*na*
Claiborne	12,089	18,475	*15,498*
Concordia	52,788	51,616	*na*
E Baton Rouge	6,025,783	5,890,100	*5,606,070*
Iberville	371,187	298,079	*277,776*
Jefferson	8,198,846	8,510,761	*8,009,763*
Lafayette	278,011	313,636	*337,242*
Lafourche	154,382	175,761	*147,269*
Lincoln	169,994	155,498	*160,713*
Madison	24,028	22,040	*20,114*
Morehouse	69,927	69,352	*55,855*
Ouachita	288,134	275,913	*258,671*
Plaquemine	271,831	311,972	*272,888*
Pointe Coupee	101,099	98,303	*94,646*
Rapides	791,287	824,146	*805,433*
Red River	47,572	40,868	*39,068*
St Bernard	568,420	480,313	*458,281*
St Charles	410,740	355,792	*246,025*
St Helena	na	na	*na*
St James	154,320	135,672	*159,635*
St Mary	824,229	991,773	*791,052*
St Mary	36,250	42,193	*33,400*
St Mary	30,346	34,698	*29,818*
Tensas	24,755	34,073	*27,407*
Terrebonne	948,384	967,354	*963,483*
Vermillion	363,051	299,192	*na*
Webster	122,218	111,448	*108,105*
W Ascension	68,483	52,083	*59,448*
W Baton Rouge	148,186	143,905	*na*

State Sales Tax Collections

Parishes	Sep 85	Oct 85	Nov 85
Acadia	431,279	503,925	*406,071*
Allen	83,893	92,505	*72,944*
Ascension	658,257	649,369	*590,239*
Assumption	74,222	70,694	*61,769*
Avoyelles	174,843	171,542	*150,253*
Beauregard	263,384	236,999	*295,629*
Bienville	48,994	45,617	*58,357*
Bossier	987,974	1,021,742	*922,849*
Caddo	4,508,288	5,657,218	*4,839,919*
Calcasieu	2,702,615	2,506,487	*2,475,536*
Caldwell	54,285	51,024	*45,874*
Cameron	58,425	53,494	*557,568*
Catahoula	59,998	52,876	*48,066*
Claiborne	99,097	93,038	*82,078*
Concordia	139,700	146,152	*131,735*
DeSoto	156,692	126,899	*149,238*
E Baton Rouge	8,249,019	8,013,206	*7,901,124*
E Carroll	55,922	65,304	*47,818*
E Feliciana	50,406	51,926	*61,312*
Evangeline	177,069	184,591	*159,674*
Franklin	114,956	121,320	*92,239*
Grant	35,723	29,755	*20,735*
Iberia	854,470	812,317	*814,296*
Iberville	458,698	375,467	*407,599*
Jackson	81,883	76,712	*72,173*
Jefferson	8,114,842	8,553,259	*8,149,980*
Jefferson Davis	231,611	222,544	*208,881*
Lafayette	4,077,978	4,855,832	*3,975,026*
Lafourche	550,308	610,119	*556,978*
Lasalle	88,281	103,463	*83,241*
Lincoln	440,328	468,668	*396,980*
Livingston	273,101	317,504	*301,697*
Madison	60,133	69,457	*63,547*
Morehouse	261,713	214,300	*217,220*
Natchitoches	318,461	292,511	*261,864*
Orleans	11,461,150	10,570,000	*11,281,098*
Ouachita	2,708,449	2,744,508	*2,547,447*
Plaquemines	446,066	550,973	*366,385*
Pointe Coupee	85,570	83,818	*76,493*
Rapides	1,750,100	1,736,242	*1,564,445*
Red River	36,188	42,408	*43,625*
Richland	134,119	149,170	*108,767*
Sabine	131,085	151,628	*165,153*
St Bernard	343,594	306,965	*273,007*
St Charles	410,014	312,610	*427,115*
St Helena	4,368	30,486	*12,292*
St James	159,333	121,304	*113,052*
St John	321,268	78,435	*313,554*
St Landry	679,142	563,339	*490,672*
St Martin	228,933	253,973	*236,450*
St Mary	774,444	772,641	*780,661*
St Tammany	1,195,444	1,156,954	*1,012,914*
Tangipahoa	676,509	665,855	*600,104*
Tensas	27,081	40,102	*14,051*
Terrebonne	1,290,179	1,230,464	*1,175,081*
Union	57,169	95,395	*66,820*
Vermillion	377,326	332,541	*279,863*
Vernon	276,456	309,586	*239,004*
Washington	225,586	249,457	*230,176*
Webster	353,314	321,420	*319,945*
W Baton Rouge	204,087	126,566	*159,898*
W Carroll	54,249	55,739	*31,279*
W Feliciana	186,723	176,800	*147,356*
Winn	105,355	115,066	*95,653*
Out of State	24,186,355	25,506,173	*23,416,071*
Invalid	376	2,934	*24*
Total	83,886,880	85,771,388	*81,268,964*

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